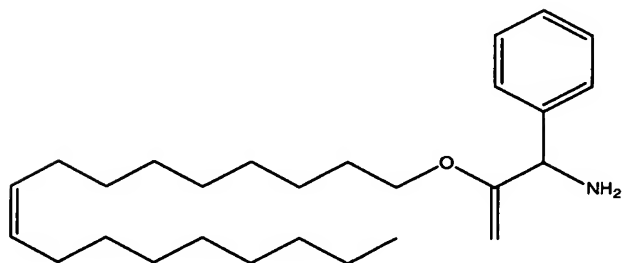


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REMARKS

In the September 22, 2008 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of nine allegedly independent and distinct inventions. With the election of any one of Groups I-IX, there is an additional requirement to elect a particular compound by providing the following: a) the name and structure of the instantly claimed compound; b) the location of the species (a) within the claims or (b) within the specification; c) the claims that read on the elected species; and d) a definition of the exact substitutions (e.g. R₁ is Hydrogen, X is Oxygen, etc...).

In the Communication filed October 22, 2008 In Response to September 22, 2008 Restriction Requirement, applicants elected Group VII, and further elected α -amino- α -phenyl acetic acid octadec-(Z)-9-enyl ester as the compound species. The structure of the elected compound is:



wherein R₁ is cis-9-octadecenyl, R₂ is phenyl, R₃ is a pair of electrons, R₄ and R₅ is each hydrogen.

On page 5 of the Communication filed on October 22, 2008, the applicants erroneously indicated that elected species is located in claim 182. The elected species is actually located in claim 181 and not in claim 182, since claim 182 is directed to the salt form of the elected compound.

Accordingly, applicants hereby request that the first paragraph of page 5

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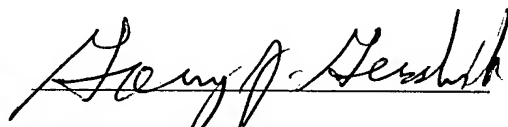
of the Communication filed October 22, 2008 In Response to September 22, 2008 Restriction Requirement be corrected to read as follows:

--The elected species is located in claim 181, and claims that read on the elected species are 165(i), 166, 167, 168, 181, 182, 183, 184 and 185.--

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

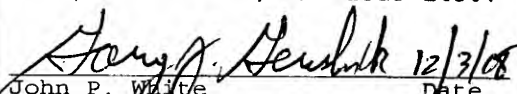
No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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